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SUBJECT: BUSINESS INQUIRY: NOTARIZATION OF DOCUMENTS FOR SALE
OF AUTOMOBILES TO OMAN

1. MISUNDERSTANDING OVER NOTARIZATION OF DOCUMENTS IS
BLOCKING SALE TO OMAN OF AUTOMOBILES WORTH HUNDREDS OF
THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. ALTHOUGH OMANI FIRM OF W.J. TOWELL IS
RECOGNIZED AGENT FOR BUICK AND GMC TRUCKS AND HAS IMPORTED
THESE PRODUCTS FOR SEVERAL YEARS WITHOUT PROBLEM, A LARGE ORDER
TO OMAN CURRENTLY PENDING HAS BEEN DELAYED BY STRICT GM INTER-
PRETATION OF NOTARIZATION PROCEDURES.

2. IN DEC 1975, NEW YORK OFFICE OF GENERAL MOTORS ACCEPTANCE
CORP (GMAC) RETURNED W.J. TOWELL'S POWER OF ATTORNEY
DOCUMENTS FOR NOTARIZATION DESPITE PRIOR CERTIFICATE OF
NOTARIZATION PREPARED BY CONSUL AT EMBASSY MUSCAT. GMAC
CLAIMS THAT NOTARIZATION BY A NOTARY PUBLIC IS STANDARD PRO-
CEDURE FOR ALL DEALERS OF GM CARS OVERSEAS AND THAT AMERICAN
CONSULAR NOTARIZATION IS NOT A VALID SUBSTITUTE. THERE ARE,
HOWEVER, NO NOTARIES PUBLIC IN OMAN. WITHOUT APPROVAL OF
CONSULAR NOTARIZATION, W.J. TOWELL WILL BE UNABLE TO GO THROUGH
WITH PURCHASE OF 22 BUICKS, AND FUTURE PURCHASES OF GM CARS
COULD BE HELD UP.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: USDOC CONTACT GMAC TO RESOLVE
COMPANY'S DIFFICULTIES IN ACCEPTING VALIDITY OF OUR
CONSULAR NOTARIZATION. W.J. TOWELL HAS BEEN REGULARLY
DEALING WITH J.F. LYNCH OF GMAC'S NEW YORK OFFICE.

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